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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-298084, published October 26, 2001, with English abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-208517, published July 28, 2000, with English abstract.

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4. E.T. Ogawa et al., "Stress-Induced Voiding Under Vias Connected To Wide Cu Metal Leads", *Proceedings of IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium 2002, USA*, The Electron Device Society and The Reliability Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc, April 7, 2002, Pages 312-321
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-102909, published April 13, 1999, with English abstract.
6. European Patent Publication No. 0751567, published January 2, 1997.
7. Japanese Patent Publication No. 09-064033, published March 7, 1997, with English abstract.
8. Japanese Patent Publication No. 02-165632, published June 26, 1990, with English abstract.

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